

Fisheries Society of the British Isles

Wyn Wheeler Research Grant Fund

1. *Outline of the scheme.* The Society's Wyn Wheeler Research Grant Fund provides grants to a maximum of £6,000 to promote scholarly research into any aspect of fish biology. This is defined as any topic that would fall within the scope of the *Journal of Fish Biology*. The grants will support pilot work or small projects.

2. *Criteria.* Applications will be judged by the following criteria:

1. Number of relevant publications
2. Generic value of study
3. Presentation/clarity of proposal
4. Technical feasibility
5. Background/relevance of proposal
6. Scientific justification
7. Novelty of study
8. Cost-effectiveness
9. Two referee's reports confirming the retired status of the applicant and commenting on the quality of the research proposal

2. *Eligibility.* Applicants must be retired from full-time academic employment, and members of the Society but do not have to be resident in the UK. Applications for research projects will be favoured in competition with applications for travel / conference funds. If the study is part of a larger research project, it should be clear how the rest of the project is funded, and that any such funding cannot cover the proposed study. Successful applicants may not receive a further grant from the Society within one year, but there are no restrictions on further proposals from unsuccessful applicants for the same or other research projects.

3. *Items Covered by the Grant.* Eligible costs include items directly relevant to the project, including special items of equipment, field work expenses (including work abroad), computing costs specific to the project, the cost of hiring short-term assistance, and specialist books such as keys.

4. *Payment.* The grant will be paid directly to the successful applicant, who will then be responsible for its administration. Awards to be paid to grant holders in countries with a currency other than Pounds Sterling will be paid out in the currency dictated by the grant holder, with exchange charges paid by the Society. In all cases of doubt, the grant holder should consult the Society's Treasurer for advice at the time an award is offered.

5. *Reports and Publications.* Six months after the grant period, applicants must submit a report by e-mail to both the Research Grants Committee (Christine.norgrove@martjohn.com) and the Newsletter Editor (Paul Hart: pbh@leicester.ac.uk). This should include: (1) a general description of the work (usually 2 or 3 pages suffice), (2) a 200-250 word summary, to be

published in the Society's Newsletter, and (3) a breakdown of how the funds were spent. All publications arising from the work should acknowledge the Society's contribution.

6. Closing Date. There is one grant round per year, with a closing date of 1 September. Applicants are usually notified within 4-5 weeks of this closing date. The statement of support from both referees must be submitted before the 1 September deadline.

Applications should be submitted in hard copy or by e-mail. If submitting hard copy, please supply the original plus two copies.

If you wish to have receipt of the form acknowledged, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Send applications to:

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Application for the Wyn Wheeler Research Grant Fund

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Fax:

Telephone:

Date of birth:

Brief statement of career (including qualifications, posts held, research experience).

Main recent publications (a maximum of seven selected from those relevant to the project).

Expenditure: Please provide a detailed breakdown of the sum requested.

I have read the conditions attached to a Fisheries Society grant and agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Brief title of the project:

Start date:

End date:

Please provide a self-contained case for support in a maximum of 400 words. This should include a brief statement on: (1) objectives, (2) relationship to earlier work by the applicant or others, (3) methods, (4) resources required in relation to funding already available, and hence case for the grant, and (5) potential significance of the research. This case may be given on a separate sheet or sheets if more convenient.

Names and addresses of 2 referees who can comment on the proposed research:

The applicant should contact these referees directly and pass on a copy of their application form. Applicants should request their referees to send a reference directly to: Christine.norgrove@martjohn.com and ensure arrival by the closing date (1st September).